Irregular verbs

Irregular verbs do not follow the 'ed' rules for forming the past simple:

'walk' + 'ed' = walked [regular verb]

Some irregular verbs stay the same in both forms, others change a vowel and some change completely. Sometimes there are two possible forms for the past simple; the difference is sometimes regional.

Note that the list does not include all the compound verbs because they follow the same rules as the root verb. For example:

Bare infinitive	Past Simple
eat/overeat	ate/overate
do/undo	did/undid

Bare infinitive	Past Simple
babysit	babysat
be	was, were
beat	beat
become	became
begin	began
bend	bent
bet	bet
bid [farewell]	bid/bade
bid [offer amount]	bid
bind	bound
bite	bit
bleed	bled
blow	blew
break	broke
breed	bred
bring	brought
broadcast	broadcast/broadcasted
build	built
burn	burnt/burned
buy	bought
cast	cast
catch	caught
choose	chose
come	came

cost	**cost**
cut	**cut**
deal	**dealt**
do	**did**
draw	**drew**
dream	**dreamt/dreamed**
drink	**drank**
drive	**drove**
eat	**ate**
fall	**fell**
feed	**fed**
feel	**felt**
fight	**fought**
find	**found**
fit	**fitted/fit**
fly	**flew**
forbid	**forbade**
forecast	**forecast**
foresee	**foresaw**
forget	**forgot**
forgive	**forgave**
freeze	**froze**
get	**got**
give	**gave**
go	**went**
grow	**grew**
handwrite	**handwrote**
hang [execute]	**hanged 'They hanged the murderer.'**
hang [other uses]	**hung 'They hung a picture on the wall.'**
have	**had**
hear	**heard**
hide	**hid**
hit	**hit**
hold	**held**
hurt	**hurt**
input	**input/inputted**
keep	**kept**
kneel	**knelt/kneeled**
knit	**knitted/knit**
know	**knew**
lay	**laid**

lead	**led**
lean	**leant/leaned**
leap	**leapt/leaped**
learn	**learnt/learned**
leave	**left**
lend	**lent**
let	**let**
lie [not tell the truth]	**lied**
lie [recline]	**lay**
light	**lit/lighted**
lose	**lost**
make	**made**
mean	**meant**
meet	**met**
mislay	**mislaid**
mislead	**misled**
mistake	**mistook**
overcome	**overcame**
pay	**paid**
put	**put**
quit	**quit**
read	**read [sounds like 'red']**
rid	**rid**
ride	**rode**
ring	**rang**
rise	**rose**
run	**ran**
say	**said**
see	**saw**
seek	**sought**
sell	**sold**
send	**sent**
set	**set**
shake	**shook**
shave	**shaved**
shine [make something shiny]	**shined [regular] 'He shined his shoes.'**
shine [emit light]	**shone/shined 'The sun shone.'**
shoot	**shot**
shut	**shut**
sing	**sang**
sink	**sank**
sit	**sat**
sleep	**slept**

slide	**slid**
smell	**smelt/smelled**
speak	**spoke**
speed	**sped/speeded**
spell	**spelt/spelled**
spend	**spent**
spill	**spilt/spilled**
split	**split**
spoil	**spoilt/spoiled**
spread	**spread**
spring	**sprang/sprung**
stand	**stood**
steal	**stole**
stick	**stuck**
sting	**stung**
stink	**stank/stunk**
strike	**struck**
sweep	**swept**
swim	**swam**
swing	**swung**
take	**took**
teach	**taught**
tear	**tore**
tell	**told**
think	**thought**
throw	**threw**
troubleshoot	**troubleshot**
understand	**understood**
undertake	**undertook**
upset	**upset**
wake	**woke**
wear	**wore**
weep	**wept**
wet	**wet/wetted**
win	**won**
wind	**wound**
write	**wrote**

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